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- 1. ON MAY 28, FONOFF OFFICIAL CLEMENT DELIVERED TO EMBASSY THEIR NOTE NO. 2031 OF SAME DATE CONFIRMING GOA AGREEMENT REPORTED REFTEL A TO FORMAL TALKS BEGINNING JUNE 16 IN WASHINGTON.
- 2. NOTE REFERS TO AUTHORIZATIONS GIVEN PAN AM BY GOA (TO CONTINUE FIFTH EXTENSION TO MONTEVIDEO AND CHANGE-OF-GAUGE AT CARACAS) AND SAYS, "AS EXPRESSION OF FAVORABLE PREDISPOSITION TO ARRIVE AT CONCILIATION OF INTERETS BETWEEN BOTH FLAGS, THE UNDERSTANDING INDICATED IN THIRD PARAGRAPH OF EMBASSY'S NOTE NO. 155 OF MAY 13 IS CONFIRMED FOR THE PRESENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH TREATMENT WHICH USG GRANTS TO ARGENTINE NATIONAL CARRIER, WITH THE PROPOSITION OF ACTING FAVORABLY ON THESE APPLICATIONS, DEPENDING UPON THE RESULTS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS THEMSELVES."
- 3. NOTE ASKS USG IF A PROPOSED US AGENDA FOR DISCUSSIONS CAN BE PROVIDED ASAP SO ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR AGREED CHANGES TO AGENDA MAY BE MADE. TEXT OF NOTE BEING POUCHED TO EB/OA/AN.
- 4. DURING DISCUSSION WITH FONOFF (BECKMANN, CLEMENT) AND TRANSPORT MINISTRY OFFICIALS (OVEJERO, DR. DONATO) MAY 20 AND WITH CLEMENT MAY 28, GOA REPS STRESSED THE FOLLOWING: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FIRST, GOA HOPES US WILL ADOPT SOME INITIAL OUTLOOK ON

CONSULTATIONS AS GOA PROPOSES; THAT IS, JUNE CONSULTATIONS WILL BE A NEW BALLGAME IN WHICH EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO AVOID EARLIER PROBLEMS, ESPECIALLY OF A POLITICAL OR PHILOSOPHICAL NATURE, WHICH HAVE BESET RECENT US/GOA NEGOTIATIONS. THEY HOPE THAT BY STARTING WITH A CLEAN SLATE, AND BY NOT ATTEMPTING TOO MUCH, A PRACTICAL AGREEMENT OR UNDERSTANDING CAN BE REACHED WHICH WILL BE TO THE ADVANTAGE OF CARRIERS ON BOTH SIDES.

5. GOA WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IN ADVANCE, IF US AGREEABLE, WHETHER US PLANS TO PROPOSE NEW ROUTES. ECON COUNS REPLIED ALONG LINES PARA TWO REFTEL B ADDING THAT THIS WAS ALL THE INFORMATION EMBASSY HAD AT THIS TIME. GOA REPS ALSO ASKED WHETHER THE US ENVISAGED ANY CHANGE OF STATUS IN CARGO SERVICES AS A RESULT OF THE CONSULTATIONS. THAT IS, WAS US SATISFIED TO LET THE STATUS QUO REMAIN, WITH PAN AM'S SCHEDULED CARGO SERVICES AUTHORIZED BY THE GOA INFORMALLY AND ENTRE RIOS OPERATING ITS NON-SCHEDULED CARGO SERVICE TO THE US. OR, DID THE US BELIEVE THIS SITUATION SHOULD BE "REGULARIZED". COMMENT: EMBASSY IMPRESSION IS THAT CARGO SITUATION PERHAPS BEST LEFT AS IS.

6. GOA REPRESENTATIVES ASKED WHETHER ECON COUNS COULD PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION ON NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL FREQUENCIES (OR CAPACITY) TO BE REQUESTED FOR US CARRIERS. ECON COUNS SAID THAT AS FONMIN HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY INFORMED, US CARRIERS DID DESIRE A REASONABLE INCREASE IN FREQUENCIES BUT IT WAS DOUBTFUL WHETHER WE COULD SAY WHAT THIS NUMBER WOULD BE PRIOR TO THE ACTUAL CONSULTATIONS. GOA REPRESENTATIVES ASSUMED THAT INTRODUCTION OF WIDE-BODIED JETS WOULD BE DISCUSSED IN TERMS OF CAPACITY WITHOUT SPECIAL PROBLEMS SINCE BOTH ARGENTINE AND US CARRIERS HAVE PLANS FOR US 747S. ECON COUNS AGREED THIS COULD PROBABLY BE WORKED OUT WITHOUT SPECIAL DIFFICULTIES

7. TURNING TO THE SUBJECT OF ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS AND TO THE "ROUTE PARITY" CONCEPT PROPOSED EARLIER BY RINALDINI (REFTEL C), CLEMENT AND TRANSPORT MINISTRY REPS STATED THAT GOA DID NOT CONTEMPLATE THAT ROUTES AUTHORIZED FOR GOA AND US CARRIERS SHOULD BE IDENTICAL. WHAT GOA PROPOSED WAS THAT ROUTE DESLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CRIPTIONS FOR BOTH US AND ARGENTINE CARRIERS SHOULD BE SIMILAR. EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS WILL REQUIRE SOME CLARIFICATION DURING THE CONSULTATIONS BUT GOA IS NOT, RPT NOT, GOING TO MAKE AN ISSUE OF ROUTE PARITY.

8. IN MOST RECENT CONVERSATION MAY 28, CLEMENT, WHO PARTICI-PATED IN 1974 TALKS, SAID GOA DELEGATION NOT YET NAMED BUT IT PLANNED THAT AMBASSADOR ORFILA WOULD BE TITULAR HEAD OF GOA DEL AND MIGHT PLAY ACTIVE ROLE. HE ASKED WHETHER USG COULD INDICATE WHO MIGHT HEAD UP USDEL. CLEMENT ADDED COMMENT THAT HE PERSONALLY BELIEVED GOA POLICY OUTLOOK AND APPROACH TO NEGOTIATIONS MUCH CHANGED SINCE 1974 AND HE THOUGHT TALKS HAD GOOD CHANCE OF SUCCEEDING.
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